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COASTAL PLANTATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the Coastal Shelter Belt Plantation Projects in various States;

(b) if so, the details of the area covered under the said projects;

(c) the funds sanctioned and allocated to various States during the Tenth Plan period; and

(d) the extent to which the objectives of such projects has been achieved; and

(e) the cases of non-utilisation of funds reported thereunder alongwith the remedial measures taken/proposed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAYAN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, the Coastal Shelter Belt Plantation projects have been implemented during 9th Five year Plan in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal under the Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEPS) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. During 10th Plan only maintenance cost for the plantation raised during 9th Plan is being provided. An area of 14,530 ha has been covered under Coastal Shelter Belt Plantations.

(c) Statement indicating the financial allocation and amount released is given below:

S.No.	State	Allocation for 9th & 10th Plans		Amount released
		9th Plan	10th Plan	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	472.44	184.96	0.00 184.96
2	Gujarat	618.93	415.00	203.93 618.93
3	Karnataka	55.58	42.65	0 42.65
4	Kerala	408.59	264.85	0 264.85
5	Orissa	1922.61	607.25	989.51 1596.76
6	Pondicherry	90.32	20.12	0 20.12
7	Tamil Nadu	412.40	184.55	103.62 288.17
8	West Bengal	30.02	23.82	0 23.82
	Total	4010.89	1743.20	1297.06 3040.26

(d) The Coastal Shelterbelt Plantation projects envisaged protection of the hinterland from high winds and prevention of soil erosion as their principal objectives. These objectives have been largely served.

(e) No such instance has been reported to the Ministry.